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Applicant: Thiers et al.

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Title: FLOOR COVERING, FLOOR PANEL AND SET OF FLOOR PANELS FOR FORMING
SUCH FLOOR COVERING, AND METHODS FOR THE PACKAGING AND
MANUFACTURING OF SUCH FLOOR PANELS

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This is in response to the request for correction of patent application publication under
37 CFR 1.221(b), which was received on October 20, 2004 for the above-identified application.

The request is DISMISSED.

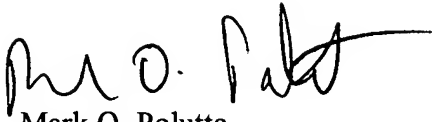
The instant request is that the application be republished because published application includes the specification, claims and abstract from the translation of provisional application filed in response to the missing parts and not the specification, claims and drawings of the application.

37 CFR 1.221(b) is applicable "only when the Office makes a material mistake which is apparent from Office records . . . Any request for a corrected publication or revised patent application publication other than provided as provided in paragraph (a) of this section must be filed within two months from the date of the patent application publication. This period is not extendable."

The request for corrected publication received on October 20, 2004, was not timely filed under 37 CFR 1.221(b).

Due to the nature of the errors in this publication, the Office will *sua sponte* publish a corrected patent application publication. The corrected patent application publication will be published in due course, unless the application is allowed and the patent issues before the application is republished.

Inquires concerning this communication should be directed to Mark Polutta at (571) 272-7709.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark O. Polutta', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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